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The Department believes that the United States Government should take no initiative to publish the Kennedy-Nasser correspondence on the Cuban crisis. Neither the Nasser-Kennedy nor Nasser-Khrushchev messages has attracted any public attention in the United States. Publication would point up fact that the tone of the Nasser-Khrushchev message is somewhat warmer than the tone of the Nasser-Kennedy message. Moreover, the Department believes the burden of proof of its non-aligned attitude should rest with the UAR. (Had the UAR suggested the Nasser-Kennedy exchange be published, no objection would have been interposed.)

If inquiries about the Nasser-Kennedy exchange are received from responsible persons, the Embassy is authorized in its discretion to discuss the substance of the Nasser-Kennedy exchange in broad outline.

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